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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shimon Sakaguchi  
Serial No. : 09/284,114  
Filed : April 7, 1999  
Title : A MOUSE STRAIN WITH NATURAL ONSET OF AUTOIMMUNE  
ARTHRITIS

Art Unit : 16333  
Examiner : E. Sorbello

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please replace claims 12 and 13 with amended claims 12 and 13 as follows:

sub F1 -- 12. (Amended) An isolated mouse strain from BALB/C mice homozygous for  
a trait of developing rheumatoid arthritis.

6' 13. (Amended) A mouse capable of developing rheumatoid arthritis and having  
ATCC accession No. FERM BP-7790. --

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